



General Assembly

February Session, 2008

***Raised Bill No. 65***

LCO No. 140

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT ALLOWING BLIND OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED STATE OR  
QUASI-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO USE ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE  
FOR GUIDE DOG TRAINING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Each appointing  
2      authority shall grant to each full-time employee in a permanent  
3      position in the state service or full-time employee of a quasi-public  
4      agency who (1) is blind or physically disabled, and (2) has been  
5      employed for at least twelve consecutive months, the use of  
6      accumulated paid sick leave, not to exceed seven days, to participate in  
7      training conducted by a guide dog organization or assistance dog  
8      organization is a member of a professional association of guide dog or  
9      assistance dog schools to prepare the employee to handle a guide dog  
10     or assistance dog for the employee's own use. The appointing  
11     authority may require up to seven-days' advance notice of an  
12     employee's intention to use such leave and may require the employee  
13     to provide reasonable documentation that such leave is being taken for  
14     the purpose permitted under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2008	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow blind or physically disabled state or quasi-public employees to use accumulated paid sick leave time to learn to handle their guide or assistance dog.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*